

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 3, 39, 41 and 44 have been amended. Claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-15, 17-19, 22-24, 39-42, 44, 46 and 47 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter:

At page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 5-6, 8-11, 13-15, 17-19, 22-24 and 46-47 are allowed. The Examiner also indicates that claims 3 and 40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 has been amended to include all the features of claims 1 and 2, thus claim 3 is deemed to be in allowable form.

The Rejection:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4, 39, 41-42 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,233,394 to Jeong et al. Claims 1, 39, 41 and 44 have been amended to recite "a single ECC (error checking and correction) decoder" for error correcting the data of different code lengths. Jeong et al. disclose separate ECC decoders for performing the ECC of the DVD data and the ECC of the CD data. The disclosure of Jeong et al. is not arranged as recited in claims 1, 39, 41 and 44. Thus, Jeong et al. do not anticipate the present invention. Claims 2 and 4 are deemed to be patentable at least for similar reasons set forth above regarding claim 1.

Claims 2 and 4 are deemed to be patentable at least for similar reasons set forth above regarding claim 1,

Regarding claim 42, the Examiner refers particularly to interface unit 290, without further comment. According to the description of interface unit 290 at col. 5, lines 24-40, no mention is made that "first memory map provides a VBR (variable bit rate) control margin to interface the error corrected first demodulated data with an audio/video decoder, as claimed in claim 42." Thus, Jeong et al. do not anticipate claim 42.

Conclusion:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

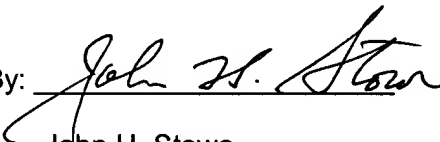
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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